New Bedford March 14th 1838.

Thursday morn

My dearest Anne,

I received your letter via Weymouth & one from Aunt Mary tuesday night, & was much rejoiced at the good news contained therein. Dear brother Collins — I was ready to jump about with delight. I wonder what the New Yorkers will say — I see the Emancipator constantly, so am more aware of what is going on there than when I am in Boston. Where is that villain of a Stanton — Has Maria seen him yet? Caroline wrote me word that some correspondence had passed between them, which was to end in an interview. I am impatient to hear how our society matters stand. My heart was rejoiced to hear that Mrs Southwick has got reinstated. I should love to see her bonnet — I dont see but you will have to stay in town till the meeting of the 26th. I hardly think I shall try to come, I dont feel justified in paying $6.00.

~~11th Monday~~ 12th Tuesday afternoon I tied up a little bundle & carried it to the Seabury's, for Caroline to take to Boston. I suppose you have got it by this time. I then called & had a little chat with Elizabeth Doubleday. The Unitarians have been cutting quite a swathe as Elizur Wright says. They have had teachers meetings (sunday school teachers) ever since Mr Peabody has been here & they discuss

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all subjects — baptism — communion — peace & war &
nobody knows what beside. In discussing communion Oliver
Prescott said that in early life his mind had been
much influenced by an expression in the Assembly's
Catechism "He who eateth & drinketh unworthily &c" &
no one set him right. Jo Williams (you know him) a
professed infidel was there in the summer, accounting
for the miracles by animal magnetism — When
Mr May was here he went & broached the peace doctrine
among them. The next one which is held I am ~~invited~~
to go with the Doubledays —

~~Sunday~~ Wednesday 13th. I spent the evening with the Emerson's
Abby & Mr Lindsey there. Mr L is going to lend me
Oliver Twist — Mrs Emerson has got into difficulty with
Mrs Beane, wife of the preceptress of the academy &
Mrs Mackie has a child quite sick. You mention that
Charles preached at Federal St — do you think he
has any intention of settling there? Mr Emerson
told me ~~a glowing~~ story about his temperance. He
was visiting at Mr Malcolm's while he was settled
in Boston & was taken sick there. Mr M prescribed gin
& took Charles into his cellar to see his bottles of
the creature which had been sent him by a friend
abroad. The gin was taken, Charles was cured, & a
bottle was presented him in case of another attack.
In the evening he preached at Federal St & as he
was going out of town from the church door, there
was no alternative but to put the bottle in his
pocket. Mr Malcolm saying, "now if you dare

to break this bottle going up my pulpit stairs I'll never forgive you". No accident however occurred, only that Charles was laid open to the charge of taking gin into the pulpit with him

Thursday 14th. Raining all day till night, when it cleared & I called to see Susan Baker, who has had an attack of the tic douloureux to which she is subject. She lent me the 'report' on Colour by Mr Lincoln. What a fool he is. I see the Boston women have petitioned, headed by Mary Ann. Write me what Minot is doing to the Dorchester women. I suppose he wants to be revenged upon aunt Mary for the insult she offered him in sending her petitions to George Bradburn. St Clair is lecturing over at Fairhaven I hear — I have some thoughts of trying to go, to see what he is about.

Friday — 15th I called a moment to see Abby before school this morning, & she tells me she is going to ~~have~~ send a bundle home to-morrow, & will put in any thing for me, so I will send this letter. By the way Abby has her washing done at home now & sends to Boston one week & her things are sent back the next. Mind & send down next week when her bundle comes, the things I sent for. Send Tuesday afternoon to Isaac's. Keep me informed of all that is going on — I long to hear how Mary Parker manages. I trust rope enough is given her & that she will make a suitable use of it. What did you say to Lucinda? something vigorous I hope. Love to little Henry & Ann & particularly to Charming Rose You never say a word about them — Give much love to Mr Chapman senior — I have written to Lucretia & hope to hear from her soon — She & Ann Kingman & I shall all be at home in May — Write much & believe me ever yours D.W.

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Do you think the last of May would be the time to set for my vacation — Ask Caroline if she remembers *Spooner* at Hingham. He belongs here & told Mr Howland the *other* day about going to the school that she was in.

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